

# ❖Kings River Gazette❖

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



### Sierra Takes '99 Out With a Bang!

BY: Cole Chance

All those that came out for the December shoot were treated with good weather, good food, and a great match by Sierra. Those that missed this match missed a well thought out, fully planned, really fun shoot. Sierra had us riding the horse, driving the buckboard, running our poor old legs through the hay bales, and shooting at tiny little pheasants. I was a little worried when my posse leader (Sierra) told us we had to get that pheasant, and we could stay and shoot until 1:30 or all the ammo ran out. The KRR owes Sierra a big thanks for a good shoot. Good job cowboy!

Everyone that enjoyed the food should be sure to tell Bean Pot how much they appreciate his volunteering to be the cook. And you should also thank Bean Pot's "Little Mary" for his assistance. If you don't know who or what "Little Mary" is, then you don't watch enough good westerns.

The KRR elections were held at this month's match. Your new officers are:

Secretary: Ruthless Ruth  
Blacksmith: Terrible Ted  
Banker: Jessie Montana  
Sheriff: Madera Dave  
Mayor: Cole Chance

Also elected for the position of Territorial Governor was Snakebite.

I would like to ask all KRR members to give your support to these people because these are all tough, demanding jobs. If you have any suggestions for improvements or changes, or you'd like

to volunteer your time or efforts to help any of these folks, please don't be shy. The more people we have involved in the club, the better club we will be.

It was really nice to see Rot Gut Charlie's "shiny face" out there shooting and enjoying himself. Welcome back cowboy – we've missed you! Congrats to Michigan Bob, one of the hardest working club members we have, who cleaned his first stage! Way to go Bob! And what about that brand new KRR member, Powder Bags, who began his career as a KRR member as the overall match winner! Looks like some cowboys, we won't mention names, but SB, Sdn, and TDS better watch out! And folks, this cowboy not only shoots good, but he's one heck of a nice guy to boot.

Our deepest condolences go out to two of our fine club members, Wind Dancer and Longfeather



(Bill and Betty Kulikov) on the loss of Bill's father and Betty's mother over the weekend. Bill and Betty, our hearts are with you.

### A Big Thank You

By: The Editor

Just wanted to take a few minutes to say thank you to all the retiring KRR officers.

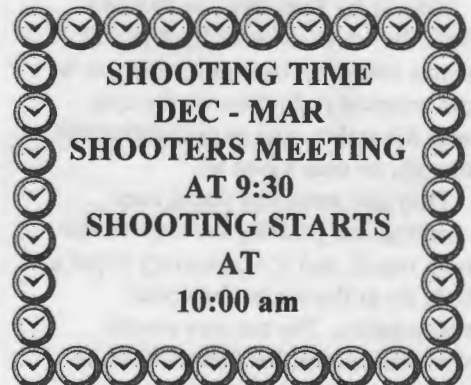
Buckskin you did a great job as Blacksmith. We'll see your handy work around the KRR range for many years to come. The office buildings, corral the electrical and water system not to mention all work parties you ram-rod. Thanks and enjoy just shooting and letting someone else work their tail off for a change.

Joaquin Rivers, what can we say, except job well done. The sheriff probably has one of the hardest jobs in this club, seeing that we have a match to shoot at each month, and we've had some good ones. A big thanks to you.

Doc James has been our Territorial Governor since we have been a club. I

### Officers

Mayor: Cole Chance (Leon Chism)  
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SASS #8243 KRR #26  
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SASS #5929 KRR #102  
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Banker: Jessie Montana (Barbara Chism)  
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Sec/Editor: Ruthless Ruth (Ruth Polman)  
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Territorial Governor: Snakebite (Doug Gilmore)  
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think he's done a bang-up job, keeping us informed of all the going's on at SASS, and taking our ideas back to them. A big salute for a job well done. Snakebite, you've got your work cut out for you, filling those big shoes.

These three guys have worked long and hard for KRR and deserve our thanks and respect for jobs well done.

## LONG RANGE By: RUTHLESS RUTH

The weather didn't look too good on Sunday morning. I'd had a cold all week and wasn't too sure I wanted to go to the range and stand in the cold just to try to hit a bunch of little targets way out there. After all, I sometimes have a hard time getting the great big ones that are real close.

But Terrible Ted really wanted to go, and the Silhouette Club had let us use all their targets and equipment for our annual, so before I could really think about it too hard we were on our way to the range.

We had a pretty good group of KRR members show up. There was Roughcut, (he brought 3 guns with him), Snakebite, Cole Chance, Longbranch, Shiloh, Wichita Willie, Buckskin, Jessie Montana, Madera Dave, (Lord knows how many guns he brought - there was a bunch of them) and when Sutter Lawman got finished with his "Honey Do's" he joined us too.

Now Jessie Montana and I had never shot any long range before, but we want to try it again cause we both hit some of those blasted Turkeys, and that's not easy.

Now as for Snakebite, he looked a little the worse for wear by days end, seems everytime he shot his big gun he got smacked right between the eyes with his sights. Got to give him credit though, he didn't give up.

They had some fine young men resetting and painting the targets after each round, and it's customary to put a little tip in the can to show your appreciation. I'm not sure exactly what this means, but I heard Wichita Willie ask what it meant when the

target setters tipped you. (Might have missed a few targets and gave the boys a break).

Each shooter has their own bank of targets to shoot at, so you can imagine how surprised Terrible Ted was when he had taken a fine bead on one of his chickens, only to have it shot down just as he was getting ready to squeeze the trigger. Took a second to recover, and the look on his face was great.

I didn't get everybody's score, but I do know that Jessie got 19 out of the 40, pretty good for the first time, I only got 13, did I mention I got two Turkeys?

I heard tell Longbranch got 27 targets, Terrible Ted and Cole Chance each got 22, but the top dog for the day was Roughcut with 28. Now we didn't actually see him get all those targets, but he swears it's so and that Tracy can vouch for him. He said Tracy even saw the two he bounced off the dirt into the targets, the targets fell over so they count.

It was a lot of fun, and the Silhouette guys are a good group of people. Some real fine shooters too. You should try it sometime. The first Saturday and Sunday of the month.

## T'was the Night Before Christmas Cowboy Style by: Ruthless Ruth

T'was the night before Christmas  
and out on the range,  
The cattle were sleeping  
and that's mighty strange.

The boots were all stacked  
on the porch outback,  
In hope that Saint Nick  
Would help fill the gun rack.

Paw in his long-johns  
and me in my sack,  
Had just settled in for  
a long winters nap.

When out on the back forty  
there arose such a clatter,  
We sprang on ol' paint  
to see what was the matter.

We rode and we rode  
till ol' paint was broke.  
When way up on the hill  
we spied some strange smoke.

Out of that night smoke  
there appeared a red wagon.  
Loaded with gifts that  
would set any cowpoke a braggin'

There was Winchesters, Colts  
and Vaqueros too,  
Bullets, gun powder  
and duds that were brand new.

The driver was jolly  
as jolly could be.  
And he sure looked a lot  
like "The Duke" to me.

He barked and whistled  
and cracked that ol' whip,  
As he drove that big wagon  
away mighty quick.

Back into that smoke from  
where he came.  
Paw and me swear  
we heard him exclaim

"Merry Christmas to all  
and enjoy the game".

## The Cowboy Code By: Fargo KRR #93 SASS #18631

The American West of the 1870's and 1880's with its seemingly endless grassy plains, limitless land for the taking and free ranging cattle fell witness to the meteoric rise of the huge cattle ranches operated by autocratic "barons" who soon realized the need to employ dozens of cowboys to tend their ever increasing herds. If the west was endowed with a cornucopia of natural resources, it was, at the same time, sorely lacking

in laws and the men to enforce them. The cowboy, being nothing if not resourceful, devised his own rules, an unwritten code, understood by nearly everyone. The code essentially addressed the ethics of honesty and integrity and realized a reasonable success considering the lawlessness of the day.

To a cowboy and his boss, a man's word was sacred and once given was never violated. Huge cattle deals as well as a simple promise to pay for a saddle could be finalized with nothing more than a handshake. Such a deal was every bit as binding to a cowboy as any written contract drawn by a lawyer.

The horseman's etiquette also fell within the realm of the Code. A horse was never borrowed from another man's string without his permission (which was rarely given). To physically abuse another man's horse was taboo. Cowboys meeting on the trail would maintain a steady course; to veer off would suggest a malicious intent. A wave, though well intentioned, was generally ill advised—it might scare a horse. If one cowboy dismounted, the other would do likewise so both would be on equal terms. A man on foot did not take hold of the bridle of a mounted man's horse, that could be construed as an intrusion of the rider's control.

The code encompassed more than just horses and riding. The range and its accompanying structures also benefited from the code. Pasture and corral gates were closed after a cowboy passed through them and he was expected to remove his sharp rowelled spurs before entering another man's house. While on roundup a cowboy did not wait for the other hands to arrive before beginning his meal. He began eating at once so as to be out of the way when the other hands rode in to partake from the same pots and pans.

The cowboy code was never written, nor was it necessary to do so. It allowed a ray of civility to shine through a cloud of lawlessness which otherwise blanketed a fledgling country known as the American west.



## PLACES TO SHOOT

**1 st Sat. Sun. of Month**  
**FRPC**  
**Silhouette Range**  
**Long Range**  
**Shooting starts around 9:00 am and**  
**goes all day.**

**1 st Sunday of Month**  
**5 Dogs Creek**  
**Bakersfield**

**2 nd Sunday of Month**  
**Chorro Valley Regulators**  
**San Luis Obispo**  
**Need Directions? Call**  
**Riley @ 805-489-4989**

**2 nd Saturday of Month**  
**California Rangers**  
**Sign up 8:30-9:00**  
**Shooting starts at 9:30**  
**for more info call**  
**Harry Lowe**  
**209-223-0316**

**Jefferson State Regulators**  
**3 RD Sat. of Month**  
**Ashland Gun Club Range**  
**Ashland, Or.**  
Hawkeye O'Riley's been checking out  
cowboy shooting in Oregon  
you can get more info from  
Col. Cornelius Gilliam  
541-734-8509

~~~~~**Annals**~~~~~

**4 TH Annual**  
**Plainfield Raid**  
**Mar. 31 - April 2, 2000**  
**River City Regulators and**  
**Murieta Posse**  
**Yolo Sportsmen's Association**  
**Davis Calif.**  
**First Shooter \$70**  
**Sig. Other \$50**  
**Juniors \$15**  
**Free Dry Camping**

**We have entry forms at KRR Range**  
**These folks support Fort Miller BIG**  
**Time—check this one out.**

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## ROUND THE CORRAL

Did you know that on the days when Beanpot don't cook you can still get a pretty good, inexpensive, lunch at the FRPC Range House. The guys usually have hot dogs or something going, so if you forget your lunch, check them out.

We had our usual meeting after the shoot and discussed several things that I'll cover in the minutes to be handed out at the next shoot, but here are a few of the highlights:

Due to some unforeseen expenses at FRPC, they are discussing raising the daily shooters fees by two or three dollars. After some discussion, Riverdale made a motion, seconded by Fargo, to increase our monthly fees by \$3, contingent on FRPC's voting to increase their fees. The motion passed. The new monthly match fee would be \$15 for KRR members, \$18 for non-members.

Also discussed a new reward system, that will start with the January shoot. Each person who comes to the setup and works, will get a ticket to be placed in a container, at the end of the day one name will be drawn and that person will shoot at no cost for that months shoot. All tickets will go into another drawing to be held in September for a free Fort Miller Shoot.

Snakebite and the "Gamers" are putting on the January shoot. He says there's going to be 5 (**that's right 5 stages**) so bring plenty of ammo. Should be fun.

If one of you cowboy's is getting cold, we know why, we found a coat that was left in the cook shack Sunday. Come and claim it.

Santa shot with Posse 2 on Sunday. He was heard to say, "don't count my misses and Santa will be very good to you this year".

**HO! HO! HO!"**



Kings River Regulators  
MATCH FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS  
STAGES 1 thru 4

| MATCH<br>FINAL ALIAS   |        | CLASS | < STAGE 1> |     | < STAGE 2> |     | < STAGE 3> |     | < STAGE 4> |     | <-- TOTALS --> |      |
|------------------------|--------|-------|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|----------------|------|
|                        |        |       | TIME       | RNK | TIME       | RNK | TIME       | RNK | TIME       | RNK | TIME           | PNTS |
| 1. POWDER BAGS         | #**028 | T     | 31.01      | 2   | 46.82      | 4   | 35.27      | 1   | 42.34      | 5   | 155.44         | 12   |
| 2. SUDDEN              | #12166 | T     | 23.18      | 1   | 52.79      | 8   | 37.95      | 2   | 35.62      | 2   | 149.54         | 13   |
| 3. TOM DOODLEY SQUAT   | # 5035 | D     | 38.81      | 5   | 45.51      | 3   | 40.87      | 3   | 35.72      | 3   | 160.91         | 14   |
| 4. T-BONE              | #23708 | T     | 36.31      | 3   | 41.83      | 1   | 49.89      | 9   | 44.53      | 6   | 172.56         | 19   |
| 5. LONGBRANCH          | #12433 | T     | 47.18      | 13  | 54.57      | 10  | 47.59      | 6   | 37.00      | 4   | 186.34         | 33   |
| 6. SNAKEBITE           | # 4767 | T     | 51.95      | 23  | 43.18      | 2   | 49.80      | 8   | 31.28      | 1   | 176.21         | 34   |
| 7. COLE CHANCE         | # 8243 | T     | 44.16      | 10  | 52.89      | 9   | 52.04      | 12  | 44.61      | 7   | 193.70         | 38   |
| 8. TEN BEARS           | #18407 | D     | 52.34      | 24  | 52.45      | 7   | 48.46      | 7   | 49.83      | 12  | 203.08         | 50   |
| 9. RIVERDALE           | #**030 | M     | 49.43      | 18  | 47.76      | 5   | 58.08      | 17  | 52.61      | 14  | 207.88         | 54   |
| 10. JOAQUIN RIVERS     | #11912 | T     | 42.33      | 8   | 70.37      | 19  | 51.12      | 11  | 55.93      | 20  | 219.75         | 58   |
| 11. LEADFOOT           | # 5535 | T     | 40.90      | 7   | 70.85      | 21  | 59.51      | 19  | 48.94      | 11  | 220.20         | 58   |
| 12. COAL TRAIN         | # 8146 | T     | 49.25      | 17  | 79.23      | 32  | 47.23      | 5   | 46.36      | 9   | 222.07         | 63   |
| 13. JESSIE MONTANA     | # 8244 | W     | 59.74      | 31  | 51.47      | 6   | 53.32      | 13  | 53.17      | 15  | 217.70         | 65   |
| 14. DOC JAMES          | # 5061 | T     | 38.04      | 4   | 72.91      | 24  | 63.42      | 25  | 53.51      | 16  | 227.88         | 69   |
| 15. GEO KID            | #**026 | T     | 50.48      | 19  | 65.36      | 15  | 58.51      | 18  | 55.52      | 19  | 229.87         | 71   |
| 16. PORTUGEE PHILLIPS  | #17510 | T     | 40.77      | 6   | 74.45      | 27  | 67.82      | 29  | 47.81      | 10  | 230.85         | 72   |
| 17. SHILOH             | #17515 | T     | 59.12      | 30  | 65.91      | 16  | 62.67      | 23  | 46.18      | 8   | 233.88         | 77   |
| 18. FARGO              | #18631 | M     | 44.92      | 11  | 80.74      | 33  | 61.92      | 21  | 61.73      | 24  | 249.31         | 89   |
| 19. BEAN POT           | # 6964 | M     | 58.90      | 29  | 74.23      | 25  | 41.57      | 4   | 72.58      | 35  | 247.28         | 93   |
| 20. HOSS               | # 9565 | D     | 47.40      | 14  | 61.63      | 14  | 64.89      | 27  | 76.09      | 40  | 250.01         | 95   |
| 21. HAWKEYE O'RILEY    | # 6443 | T     | 60.79      | 33  | 70.57      | 20  | 62.30      | 22  | 57.79      | 21  | 251.45         | 96   |
| 22. TERRIBLE TED       | # 9014 | OT    | 72.27      | 41  | 60.51      | 12  | 55.62      | 16  | 63.72      | 27  | 252.12         | 96   |
| 23. BAD BOYCE          | #**025 | M     | 65.53      | 37  | 57.80      | 11  | 63.00      | 24  | 63.89      | 28  | 250.22         | 100  |
| 24. BUCKSKIN           | #12434 | OT    | 51.79      | 21  | 83.54      | 36  | 68.77      | 30  | 52.44      | 13  | 256.54         | 100  |
| 25. TWO-TOE BILL QUICK | #25358 | D     | 51.55      | 20  | 61.43      | 13  | 77.65      | 36  | 66.94      | 31  | 257.57         | 100  |
| 26. FLATIRON           | # 7983 | T     | 62.99      | 35  | 82.87      | 35  | 54.10      | 14  | 55.31      | 18  | 255.27         | 102  |
| 27. TOELESS JOE        | # 8608 | OT    | 47.56      | 15  | 74.26      | 26  | 84.66      | 41  | 62.70      | 26  | 269.18         | 108  |
| 28. ARKANSAS MIKE      | #24975 | D     | 62.29      | 34  | 74.50      | 28  | 54.44      | 15  | 68.35      | 32  | 259.58         | 109  |
| 29. MADERA DAVE        | # 5929 | D     | 64.83      | 36  | 76.94      | 31  | 61.73      | 20  | 59.02      | 22  | 262.52         | 109  |
| 30. TUCSON SMITH       | #**033 | OT    | 76.49      | 46  | 69.80      | 18  | 50.38      | 10  | 72.80      | 36  | 269.47         | 110  |
| 31. VENTURA            | #**034 | T     | 57.10      | 25  | 71.62      | 22  | 999.90     | 52  | 54.67      | 17  | 1183.29        | 116  |
| 32. RUTHLESS RUTH      | # 9015 | W     | 74.57      | 44  | 72.88      | 23  | 73.08      | 31  | 61.06      | 23  | 281.59         | 121  |
| 33. MICHIGAN BOB       | #**027 | T     | 43.54      | 9   | 115.28     | 50  | 63.72      | 26  | 73.48      | 37  | 296.02         | 122  |
| 34. SUTTER LAWMAN      | #24333 | D     | 57.30      | 26  | 75.69      | 29  | 80.93      | 40  | 64.99      | 30  | 278.91         | 125  |
| 35. JUSTICE LOVING     | #**003 | T     | 58.40      | 28  | 76.70      | 30  | 76.67      | 34  | 72.24      | 34  | 284.01         | 126  |
| 36. HARDPAN CURMUDGEON | # 8967 | M     | 46.29      | 12  | 103.37     | 46  | 65.77      | 28  | 82.89      | 43  | 298.32         | 129  |
| 37. MARSHAL SAM MCCLOU | #12997 | T     | 51.86      | 22  | 88.44      | 38  | 79.46      | 39  | 74.93      | 38  | 294.69         | 137  |
| 38. PONCHO             | #**029 | M     | 60.49      | 32  | 65.95      | 17  | 96.17      | 46  | 89.59      | 46  | 312.20         | 141  |
| 39. RUSTY BUTTERFIELD  | #18193 | T     | 69.45      | 38  | 115.26     | 49  | 75.16      | 33  | 61.74      | 25  | 321.61         | 145  |
| 40. BLACK KNIGHT       | #18944 | OT    | 57.56      | 27  | 81.49      | 34  | 89.45      | 43  | 83.35      | 44  | 311.85         | 148  |
| 41. ROT GUT CHARLIE    | #13303 | T     | 74.46      | 43  | 90.51      | 39  | 77.81      | 37  | 70.38      | 33  | 313.16         | 152  |
| 42. KEEBLER KID        | #**012 | J     | 70.43      | 40  | 97.91      | 43  | 90.16      | 44  | 64.27      | 29  | 322.77         | 156  |
| 43. SOAPY DEAL         | #**031 | OT    | 48.56      | 16  | 110.58     | 48  | 94.84      | 45  | 92.81      | 49  | 346.79         | 158  |
| 44. LITTLE ELK         | #18408 | W     | 89.35      | 48  | 92.65      | 40  | 75.10      | 32  | 75.99      | 39  | 333.09         | 159  |
| 45. SIERRA             | # 3229 | T     | 88.50      | 47  | 97.60      | 42  | 77.46      | 35  | 80.97      | 42  | 344.53         | 166  |
| 46. JED COOPER         | #**024 | D     | 72.89      | 42  | 101.84     | 45  | 79.43      | 38  | 84.45      | 45  | 338.61         | 170  |
| 47. KODIAK PETE        | #16560 | T     | 97.67      | 49  | 88.18      | 37  | 87.15      | 42  | 90.74      | 48  | 363.74         | 176  |
| 48. TUOLUMNE LAWMAN    | # 6127 | BP    | 70.32      | 39  | 96.79      | 41  | 107.56     | 48  | 121.08     | 52  | 395.75         | 180  |
| 49. DAKOTA JONES       | #19602 | T     | 111.04     | 51  | 104.25     | 47  | 120.37     | 51  | 80.71      | 41  | 416.37         | 190  |
| 50. BEARPAW            | # 7559 | OT    | 75.39      | 45  | 120.45     | 51  | 107.48     | 47  | 111.84     | 50  | 415.16         | 193  |
| 51. 3 FINGERS RED LABE | # 9218 | D     | 999.90     | 53  | 100.41     | 44  | 108.82     | 49  | 90.20      | 47  | 1299.33        | 193  |

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| FINAL ALIAS    | CLASS    |       | TIME       | RNK   | TIME       | RNK   | TIME       | RNK   | TIME       | RNK   | TIME           | PNTS  |
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| 52. KODIAK SUE | #19618 W |       | 111.89     | 52    | 138.66     | 53    | 118.30     | 50    | 119.43     | 51    | 488.28         | 206   |
| 53. TENNESSEE  | #**032 T |       | 98.00      | 50    | 134.28     | 52    | 999.90     | 52    | 141.40     | 53    | 1373.58        | 207   |

### LONG RANGE

#### **Single Shot**

- 1 st Terrible Ted
- 2 nd Joaquin Rivers
- 3 rd Two-Toed Bill Quickshot
- 4 th Longbranch

#### **Lever Action**

- 1 st Madera Dave
- 2 nd Hawkeye O'Riley
- 3 rd Tucson Smith

### GOAT ROPERS

- 1 st Lil' Annie'
- 2 nd Sasparilla Kid